Dear Paul,

9/13/76

Glad to get your letter of the 9th and the enclosures.

I'd been wondering if you were off on location or had a vacation.

On the King thievery, my original information was ABC. However, I'm sure I heard NBC say NBC and I can't imagine NBC plugging ABC.

There has been more than enough time for Mann to respond. no word. So I've also written NBC, if I did not send you a cabbon.

I can't explain why it took from August 23 until September 7 for the summary of The Defenstration to reach you. That it was detoured is possible but hardly probable of worth worrying about.

The Argosy piece is garbage. No time for details. My last interview of Dean was 1968, on tape.

I look forward to reading the Playboy/Hughes stuff when I won't have other things on the mind, probably later in the week.

The theories of your producer friend who wants to do a thing on Hughes do not seem real to me. I don't think he died in 1966 and I think it can be proven he didn't. I hear all sorts of supposed explanations. The one of yesterday, from an experienced reporter of interesting and now regretted former connections is that Hughes had paresis.

Sorry I appear to have forgotten to send you a carbon of the letter to Mann. If you want it I'll make and send one. Then I believed it was ABC. Having learned that it is not, there is no Vane relevance.

Since that letter to Whitten the column has become more overtly a propraganda device on these subjects, if I did not send later carbons. I have no simple explanation and no certain feeling and I expect no responses. I do know it faked and I really do not have to know any more. Why it faked deliberately might be worth knowing but the time an inability to learn would require would be wasted.

The grindstone calls to the nose.

Hope you catch up on your rest.

Our best,